

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A text-based relational database system is disclosed. Tags specifying data semantics may be used to store data in a text file using a relational database model. An application program interface may be provided that allows the text file data to be accessed as though it were a relational database. A text-based relational database management system may be provided that enables multiple operations on a text-file based relational database. The text file may be an Extensible Markup Language file and the operations may conform to a relational database query protocol standard, such as an ~~Structure~~ Structured Query Language (SQL) standard (e.g., International Standard 9075:1992).